drinking water, which was energised after the defect was set-right by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking.

In view of the above, the question of payment of interest does not arise.

Major Industries causing damage to Urban Environment

2593. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are revising the policy with regard to location of major industries in large urban centres; and

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made of the possible impact of such policy change on urban environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No revision of the existing policy with regard to location of major industries in large urban centres is under consideration of Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Interim Report on the National Commission on Urbanisation

2594. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmnet are giving any further consideration to the proposals, contained in the Interim report of hte National Commission on Urbanisation headed by Charles Correa, to declare Calcutta, Bombay and Madras alongwith Delhi as National Cities; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government are prepared to undertake financial responsibility for the civic development of these metropolis as recommended by the National Commission on Urbanisation in its Interim report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir. The National Commission on Urbanisation has submitted its final report in 1988 and in that no separate mention has been made about National Cities.

(b) Does not arise. However, a separate programme called the Mega Cities programme has been started by this Ministry to assist the development of mega-cities in India, for the development of infrastructure, among other things. The financial pattern involves Central Government assistance by way of grants, State Government assistance by way of grants and also institutional finance.

Fund allocated for the development of Delhi Metropolis

2595. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether any comparative estimate has been made of the public fund allocated for the development of Delhi metropolis in various forms and under various heads, by way of both direct grants and also through separate allocations by various departments and agencies, during 1984—93, compared to the same for Bombay, Madras and Calcutta metropolis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Sanctioned Posts for maintenance of Indian Embassy Building at Kathmandu

2596. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Patna Electrical Division and Patna Central Circle look after the maihtenance work of India Embassy Building at Kathmandu (Nepal); and

(b) if so, the total number of sanctioned post according to each category for the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Patna Central Electrical Division looks after the maintenance

of electrical installations of the India Embassy at Kathmandu (Nepal).

(b) No separate posts are sanctioned for this work. Out of the sanctioned posts in the Patna Central Electrical Division ,the following categories are being utilised for maintenance of electrical installations of the India Embassy at Kathmandu.

Category	Designation	No. of Posts
Regular	Junior Engineer(Elect)	1 no.
WC	Electrician	1 no.
	Khalasi	1 no.
	Wireman	1 no.
	Operator	1 no.
	Asstt. Operator	2 no.

Illegal occupation of CPWD rooms in Patna and Bombay

2597. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DGWCPWD has received complaints regarding forcible and illegal occupation of CPWD rooms in Puniachak Patna by a Union;

(b) whether it is also a fact that similar complaint has been received regarding forcible and illegal occupation of CPWD Ladies Rest Room in Kane Nagar, Bombay by the same Union;

(c) if so, the name of the Union and whether any action has been taken to get the rooms vacated; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The name of the Union is CPWD Mazdoor Union. Action has been taken to serve notice upon the Union to vacate the place occupied by them. The D.G. (W), has been asked to get the accommodation vacated through coercive action, if necessary.

(d) Does not arise.

Performance of DDA

2598. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "DDA performance dismal" as reported in "The Hindustan Times" dated 15th June, 1994;

(b) if so, whether the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) Engineers Association have alleged that the performance of DDA is dismal in all fields;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to tone up the functioning of DDA to make it result oriented; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Reporting on a statement of the DDA Engineers Association, the aforesaid news item has alleged that DDA has no land left for development; process of land acquisition is slow; only 6000 fresh starts of DDA flats is to be taken up in 1994-95; and prevailing market rates are not taken into consideration, resulting in a large inventory of houses and shops.

(d) and (e) Continuous efforts are made to further improve the funcitoning of DDA. Some of the measures taken in this regard are:—

(i) holding of 18 Lok Adalats on the beneficiaries of different scheme;

(ii) tightening of quality control measures;

(iii) better financial management resulting in 12% increase in the receipts of DDA in 1993-94 over the previous year;

(iv) substantially larger investment in land acquisitions;

(v) cost effective management by reduction of staff strength from 32,921 in 1991-92 to 27,258 at the end of 1993-94.